

Senate Resolution 1183

By: Senators Buckner of the 44th, Seay of the 34th, Bulloch of the 11th, Orrock of the 36th, Butler of the 55th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Mrs. Mary Hart Rigdon; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Mary Hart Rigdon's farm feta cheese has been named a finalist in the 2010
3 Flavor of Georgia Food Product Contest; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the Flavor of Georgia Food Product Contest was established in 2007 as a
5 partnership among the University of Georgia, the Governor's Agricultural Advisory
6 Commission, and the Georgia Agribusiness Council; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the annual contest gives Georgia producers of sauces, sweets, dairy products,
8 meat products, snacks, jams, and jellies an opportunity to gain recognition around this state,
9 and winners are granted the right to have their product stamped with the 2010 Flavor of
10 Georgia logo; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Rigdon earned a bachelor's degree in animal science from the University
12 of Georgia and began making cheese in the early 1990's at her small family home in Grant
13 Park, where she also grew vegetables and raised rabbits; and
- 14 WHEREAS, in 1995, Mrs. Rigdon and her husband, a mathematician, purchased Decimal
15 Place Farm in Conley, Georgia, an 18 acre farm where they keep Saanen goats and practice
16 the craft of making feta, mozzarella, and cheddar cheeses; and
- 17 WHEREAS, over the years, Mrs. Rigdon has mastered the art of cheese making, earning
18 recognition from the American Dairy Goat Association in 2007 by being awarded first place
19 in the organization's Cheese Making Competition for her savory cheddar cheese and again
20 in 2009 for her delicious feta; and
- 21 WHEREAS, the 2010 Flavor of Georgia Food Product Contest started with 79 food entries
22 from around this state, with 24 making it to the finals, and will have a winner in each

23 category and an overall winner to be chosen by a panel of judges, including celebrity chefs
24 Jamie and Bobby Dean; and

25 WHEREAS, Mrs. Rigdon's culinary spirit and her delectable farm fresh cheeses bring great
26 pride to her family, friends, and neighbors, and the State of Georgia is honored to have such
27 talented local food producers like her as citizens.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 recognize Mrs. Mary Hart Rigdon for her scrumptious cheeses and congratulate her on being
30 named a finalist in the 2010 Flavor of Georgia Food Product Contest.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Mary Hart Rigdon.